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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

YUTA NAKAI ET AL

SERIAL NO: 09/897,988

FILED: JULY 5, 2001

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
SUBSTANCE UTILIZING
MICROORGANISM

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

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: EXAMINER: Maria Marvich

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 9, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--1. (Twice Amended) A method, comprising:

B¹ culturing a microorganism in a medium to produce and accumulate a target substance

in the medium; and

collecting the target substance,

wherein